

SLEEP

Sleep and Health Among Adults in ALABAMA

7 HOURS
OR MORE

Sufficient sleep is essential for a healthy lifestyle

How much sleep do adults need?

Adults should sleep 7 or more hours each night for optimal health.¹ Insufficient sleep (or short sleep) is defined as less than 7 hours of sleep daily. More than a third of U.S. adults report insufficient sleep.²

What are the consequences of not getting enough sleep?

Not getting enough sleep is associated with an increased risk for a number of chronic diseases and conditions³:

- Diabetes
- Cardiovascular disease
- Stroke
- Obesity
- Depression

Not getting enough sleep also contributes to motor vehicle crashes and machinery-related injuries, causing substantial injury and disability each year.³

What are 5 health behaviors for preventing chronic disease?

Five health behaviors have been identified as being key for preventing chronic disease⁴:

- Not smoking
- Regular physical activity
- Moderate* or no alcohol consumption
- Maintaining a healthy weight
- **Daily sufficient sleep (7 or more hours)**

Why don't adults get the sleep they need?

Causes of insufficient sleep include lifestyle (like inconsistent bedtimes and using technology late at night) and occupational factors (like shift work or long work hours).³ In addition, some medical conditions, medications, and sleep disorders like sleep apnea affect how long and how well you sleep.³

1 Watson NF, Badr MS, Belenky G, et al. Recommended amount of sleep for a healthy adult: a joint consensus statement of the American Academy of Sleep Medicine and Sleep Research Society. *Sleep* 2015;38:843–4.

2 Liu Y, Wheaton AG, Chapman DP, et al. Prevalence of healthy sleep duration among adults — United States, 2014. *MMWR Morb Mortal Wkly Rep* 2016;65:137–141.

3 Institute of Medicine. *Sleep Disorders and Sleep Deprivation: An Unmet Public Health Problem*. Washington, DC: The National Academies Press; 2006.

4 Liu Y, Croft JB, Wheaton AG, et al. Clustering of five health-related behaviors for chronic disease prevention among adults, United States, 2013. *Prev Chronic Dis* 2016;13:160054.

* Up to one drink per day for women and two drinks per day for men — only by adults of legal drinking age. Individuals who do not drink alcohol should not start drinking for any reason. *2015–2020 Dietary Guidelines for Americans*.

The prevalence of short sleep duration may vary by sex, age, and race/ethnicity

Short sleep duration (<7 hours) by sex, age, and race/ethnicity — Alabama, 2014 (N=8,335)		
All Adults*	%	95% CI
	39.0	(37.4–40.6)
Sex*		
Men	39.3	(36.8–41.8)
Women	38.7	(36.6–40.8)
Age (Years)		
18–24	35.4	(30.2–41.1)
25–34	43.1	(38.7–47.7)
35–44	40.1	(36.1–44.1)
45–54	46.9	(43.5–50.3)
55–64	39.9	(37.0–42.9)
≥65	27.0	(25.0–29.1)
Race/Ethnicity*		
White	37.6	(35.7–39.6)
Hispanic	34.1	(23.0–47.3)
Black	46.0	(42.9–49.1)
Asian	**	—
American Indian/Alaska Native	55.0	(40.4–68.7)
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	**	—
Other/Multiracial	44.5	(33.7–55.9)

* Age-adjusted to the 2000 U.S. standard population.

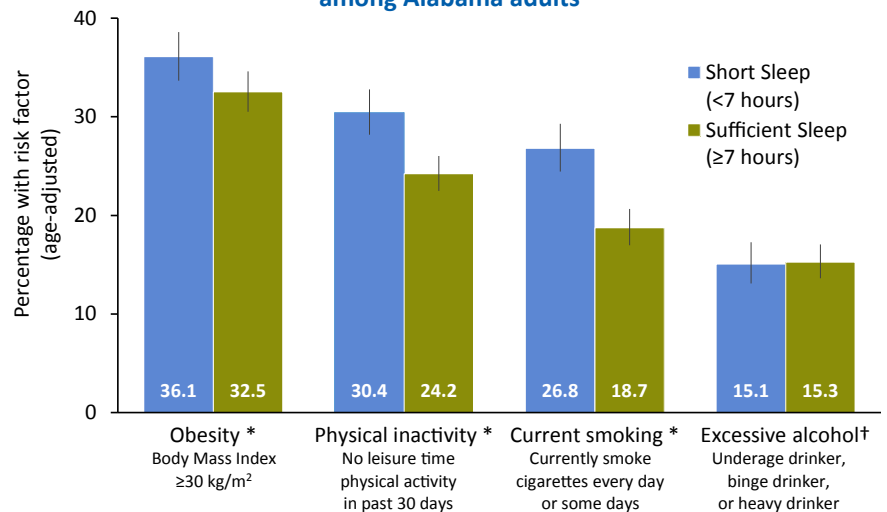
** Indicates a cell size <50.

Prevalence of health risk factors by sleep duration

Many risk factors are more common among adults who sleep <7 hours compared to those who sleep ≥7 hours.

An asterisk (*) by a risk factor on this chart indicates that the prevalence of that risk factor is significantly higher for adults who reported short sleep compared with adults who reported sufficient sleep.

Sleep duration and the other health risk factors among Alabama adults

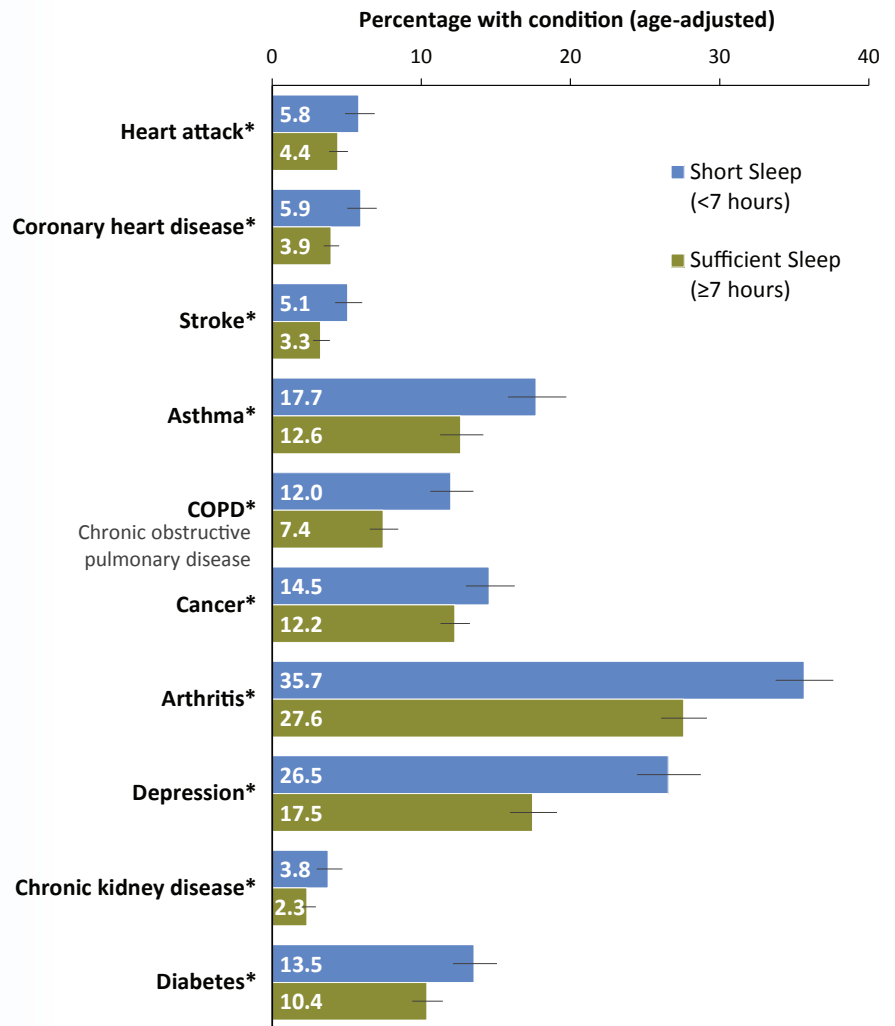


Age-adjusted to the 2000 U.S. standard population.

†Underage drinker: any alcohol use among those aged 18–20 yr. Binge drinker: ≥4 drinks for women, ≥5 drinks for men during a single occasion. Heavy drinker: ≥8 drinks for women, ≥15 drinks for men per week.

Data source: Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance Survey (BRFSS) for 2014. As part of the phone survey, respondents were asked, “On average, how many hours of sleep do you get in a 24-hour period?” For information about BRFSS methodology, go to <http://www.cdc.gov/BRFSS>.

Sleep duration and chronic conditions among Alabama adults



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